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The three German patent documents listed on the attached form were cited in the German patent application DE 199 34 541.4 for which priority was claimed for the PCT application PCT/EP00/06944 from which the above-captioned instant U.S. patent application is a national phase application.

DE 41 27 214 A1 discloses a fused switch unit into which a fuse plug for holding a fuse link can be inserted. As can be seen in figure 3, the document also discloses a glow lamp 10, which is part of the fuse plug 20.

DE 31 33 094 C2 discloses a fused switch unit comprising an operation indicator device 14 (see the sole figure). This indicator device can, according to claim 6, be arranged in or at a switch slide which is however not shown in detail in this document.

DE 34 06 815 C2 discloses a fused switch unit with a switching rocker, into which a switch plug for holding a fuse link can be inserted, as can be especially seen in figure 3. The document also discloses the possibility of providing an indicating pin 105, which is arranged in the fuse plug 18, as can be seen in figure 4.

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Respectfully submitted,

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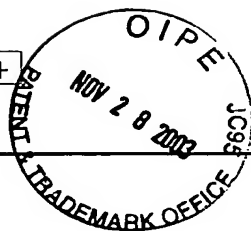
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